

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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RESOURCE CENTRES FOR CRAFTSMEN
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to set up resource centres for 30 crafts categories in the Eleventh Five Year Plan to help the craftsmen who are mostly unorganized and come from marginalized village community;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State and Union Territory-wise;
- (c) the number of such centres likely to be opened in Karnataka; and
- (d) the extent to which these centres will be helpful for these craftsmen?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGO VAN)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. The Sub-Group on Handicrafts has recommended setting up of Resource centres during the 11th Five Year Plan in the country and the details about their specific locations in different States/Union Territories including in the State of Karnataka, will be worked out only when the Planning Commission finalizes and approves the plan.

(d): The proposed Resource centres will be helpful to craft persons in providing a single window solution for comprehensive handholding for different aspects which include: Technical & Technological information; Market Intelligence; Enterprise Development; Micro Finance activity; Reporting/Monitoring Evaluation/Experience share etc.